

House Resolution 1553

By: Representative Reese of the 98th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur Page, Thomas Sellers, and Vincent
2 Washington for saving the life of Kenny Edwards; inviting Kenny Edwards to appear before
3 the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, when a recent crisis struck the Georgia Power General Services Headquarters
5 Repair Shop in Forest Park, Georgia, employees Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur Page,
6 Thomas Sellers, and Vincent Washington rose to the occasion to valiantly save the life of
7 their co-worker, Kenny Edwards; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was working in a motor test pit when a sudden explosion flung
9 him against a metal beam, knocking him unconscious and stopping his heart; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Page immediately rushed to the aid of the severely burned Mr. Edwards,
11 swiftly extinguishing the fire and cutting off Mr. Edwards's shirt with a pocketknife; and

12 WHEREAS, after finding no pulse, Mr. Sellers and Mr. Dillard cautiously moved Mr.
13 Edwards into a proper position for Mr. Dillard to perform CPR until paramedics arrived; and

14 WHEREAS, using a recently installed defibrillator, Mr. Washington administered shocks to
15 Mr. Edwards and succeeded in reviving his heart; and

16 WHEREAS, with a cool head and a calm determination, Mr. Dettmering called 911 and
17 reported the details of this unfortunate accident and the condition of its victim; and

18 WHEREAS, swiftly and selflessly coming to the aid of a colleague in peril, the life saving
19 actions of these five extraordinary gentlemen are a testament to the power of heroism.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join together to commend Matt Dettmering, Jeff Dillard, Arthur
3 Page, Thomas Sellers, and Vincent Washington for their heroism and thank them for rescuing
4 the life of Kenny Edwards.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Kenny Edwards is invited to the House of
6 Representatives for the purpose of receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution on behalf
7 of the Georgia Power General Services Headquarters Repair Shop at a date and time to be
8 fixed by the Speaker of the House.